

KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL PROPOSALS FOLLOWING REQUIRED ANNUAL REVIEW (702 KAR 7:065)

PROPOSAL BOC-1

Amend Bylaw 5 to clarify and reinforce provisions – Issues have arisen this school year that point to the need to modernize Bylaw 5 and its wording.

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PROPOSAL BOC-7

Amend Bylaw 25 to state that high school coaches cannot hold competition events in the off-season, however, they can attend events that are held.

Rationale: This would place a restriction on the number of competitors that could be together and still have the coach able to attend. This would ensure that restrictions on coaches are placed in the Bylaws instead of the case situations, and ensure that the high school coach is able to continue to be in the leverage position when outside coaches attempt to unduly control the high school student team members.

PROPOSAL BOC-8

Amend Bylaw 25 to add previously interpreted health and safety provisions to the Bylaw instead of the Case Situations for Football.

Rationale: Passage of this proposal would restore three days of shoulder pad and helmet work to preseason practice, as well as imposing the recommended breaks between multiple practice session days for football. This also clarifies the intent and spirit of the 10 practice requirement by hard coding it into the rules.

PROPOSAL BOC-9

Amend Bylaw 25 to specify a defined period season for all of the adopted Sport Activities

Rationale: This proposal would add the implementation wording for the sport activities of Archery and Bass Fishing to Bylaw 25 in order to ensure insurance coverage by providing a start and ending date. In addition, revisions are necessary to the Cheer and Bowling provisions following the review by the Board of Control.

PROPOSAL BOC-10

Amend Bylaws 29, 30 and 31 to consolidate and clarify. Other Bylaws may need to be renumbered due to the passage of this proposal.

Rationale: Provisions related to Officials were scattered throughout three different Bylaws, and the provisions on scratches were only printed in the Officials Guidebook. This ensures that all are aware of the provisions and requirements.

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Bylaw 5

Sec. 1) Proper Grade Level Requirement for Students in All School Districts

On the first day of each school year, a student shall be at his or her proper grade level. To be considered to be at the proper grade level, a student shall have been enrolled as a full-time student during the previous grading period, and shall be on schedule to graduate with his or her class on the first day of school based on the number of credits officially recorded on the transcript. For the verification of this provision, all course work, including summer and correspondence work, and final grades, shall be complete by the first day of the school year for the student body.

a) Eligibility During First Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the ninth grade to be considered to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have been promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

b) Eligibility During Second Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 10) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received twenty (20) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

c) Eligibility During Third Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 11) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received forty-five (45) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

d) Eligibility During Fourth Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 12) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received seventy (70) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

Sec. 2) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements

a) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements and being ineligible for one school year.

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) above may be reinstated a maximum of one time. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing twenty-five (25) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the year he or she is ineligible. He or she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he or she passes twenty-five (25) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent year.

b) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements and being ineligible for one semester.

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) of Sec. 1 may be reinstated a maximum of one time in schools operating on a two-semester credit recording system. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing fifteen (15) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the semester in which he or she is ineligible due to the provisions of Sec. 1. Such verification will be made by reviewing solely credits officially posted on the transcript. He or she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he or she passes fifteen (15) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent semester or becomes compliant with Sec. 1 above. Eligibility to practice and compete in contests shall be effective with the first day of the semester based on the district's official original calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education following the recording of the ~~requirements~~ credits to the student's permanent record.

c) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements and being ineligible for one trimester.

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) in Sec. 1 may be reinstated a maximum of one time in schools operating on a three-trimester credit recording system. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing ten (10) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the trimester in which he or she is ineligible due to the provisions of Sec. 1. Such verification will be made by reviewing solely credits officially posted on the transcript. He or she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he or she passes ten (10) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent trimester or becomes compliant with Sec. 1. Eligibility to practice and compete in contests shall be effective with the first day of the trimester ~~(based on the district's official original calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education)~~ following the recording of the ~~requirements~~ credits to the student's permanent record.

Sec. 3) Continual Progress During the School Year

On a weekly basis, a student shall be making continual progress during the school year in order to be eligible to participate in athletics during the subsequent week (Monday through Sunday period) and through the next opportunity to examine grades in this manner. Absent any other determination, this weekly check of grades shall be conducted on each Friday of each grading period or on the last day of classes preceding that particular Friday if no classes are conducted on that particular Friday. ~~Special tests or recitations shall not be given for the purpose of making the student eligible.~~

To be making continual progress, a student shall have passed in four hours of instruction units as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) during the previous credit period that closed during the school year (trimester or semester). To be making continual progress the student shall also be passing cumulatively for the current credit period in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation.

Sec. 4) Pre-Secondary School Students

A pre-secondary school student (grades 4-8) participating in athletics representing a KHSAA member school shall be passing in at least two-thirds of the subjects in which he or she is currently enrolled and be in compliance with all other bylaws in order to be eligible.

Sec. 5) Special Recitations/Adjustments

Special tests or recitations shall not be given for the purpose of making the student eligible according to Bylaw 5. The determination for reinstatement and first available date of practice available under Section 2 of this Bylaw shall be based on the original published calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education.

PROPOSAL BOC-2

Amend Bylaw 6 to apply the provisions of Bylaw 6 only to the varsity sports in which the student has participated.

Rationale: Many times, students have participated at the varsity level in a single sport of two and then transfer and are subsequently ineligible for a year.

To hold students ineligible for the entire year in all sports seems counter-intuitive to the participation values of athletics as a vital piece of education.

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Bylaw 6

Sec. 1) Domestic Student Transfer

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school while maintaining permanent residence in the United States or a United States territory following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any level in any sport in which the student has participated at the varsity level in the sending school for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

The Ruling Officer and Commissioner have discretion (but are not required) to waive the period of ineligibility set forth above if one or more of the following exceptions in Section 2 has been met. Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this rule shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

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Bylaw 7

Sec. 1) Foreign Students (non-domestic)

Foreign students (non-domestic) attending high school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment. Foreign students who have been ineligible for an entire calendar year after being enrolled in a high school in Kentucky become eligible to represent that school immediately following the conclusion of the one-year period, and remain eligible through graduation if compliant with all other KHSAA Bylaws.

Sec. 2) Discretionary Exceptions for Waiver

a) ENTIRE FAMILY RELOCATION - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the entire family unit is relocating from a foreign country. In this case, the student(s) may be declared eligible by documenting the move of the permanent residence of the entire family of the student and the student's parents into the school district or defined school attendance area prior to the enrollment of the student.

b) REFUGEE/POLITICAL ASYLUM - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the members of a family from a foreign country are relocating due to a declaration of asylum or seeking refuge due to acknowledged conflict. In this case, student(s) may be declared eligible by documenting the move into the school district or defined school attendance area by virtue of the policies of the United States Department of State prior to the enrollment of the student.

~~c) FOREIGN EXCHANGE - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student is placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs. In addition, such grant may be made in other circumstances approved by the Board of Control within Board policy.~~

c) APPROVED STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student is placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs. Member student exchange programs (agencies) of the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSJET) who are in good standing with CSJET shall be considered approved agencies. To be otherwise considered for approval by the Board of Control, a foreign exchange program (agency) shall assign students to schools by a method that ensures that no student, school or interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes and shall formally request approval of the Board of Control through the Commissioner's office. In order to be considered for a waiver, the following conditions shall exist:

1) The student shall be in compliance with all U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations;

2) The student shall be in the first and only year as an exchange student;

3) The student shall not be a graduate of a the 12th or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his or her home country;

4) The student shall be in possession of a complete transcript of records that has been translated into English prior to the request for eligibility;

5) The student shall be in possession of a J-1 student education visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service;

6) Placement in the KHSAA member school is random, and the student has not ~~The student's placement shall not have been a "direct placement"~~ into a KHSAA member school;

7) The student's host family shall not pay any tuition or fee normal to the attendance at the KHSAA member school, all fees shall be paid by the student's family;

8) All travel fees shall be paid by the student's family; and

9) The student's host family shall not include members of the coaching staff at the KHSAA member school at which participation is desired and shall not include exchange agency representatives.

~~d) To be considered for approval by the Board of Control, a foreign exchange program shall assign students to schools by a method that ensures that no student, school or interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes.~~

10e) The student, the principal or designated representative of the member school, and a representative of the placement agency shall sign and attest to certification that the athlete complies with the eligibility rules of the KHSAA and shall not be eligible under any circumstances for more than one year of athletic participation if the first year period of ineligibility is waived.

Sec. 3) Additional Eligibility

Any student having made election to apply for the waiver of the first year of ineligibility and having been granted a waiver of the normal period of ineligibility under subsection (a) above shall not be eligible, under any circumstances, for more than one (1) school year while enrolled in grades 9 -12 in Kentucky.

Sec. 4) Specific Restrictions Resulting in Denial of Waiver

Satisfying of one of the exceptions established in Section 2 of this Bylaw shall not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility shall not be granted if:

a) The change in schools is to nullify or circumvent implementation of Board of Education, School Based Decision Making or school imposed policy which would have resulted in the student's ineligibility at the sending school;

b) The satisfying of one of the exceptions occurs after the enrollment at the new school;

c) The change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school;

d) The satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility; or

e) The satisfying of one of the exceptions by the student and the parent(s) does not reasonably precipitate a transfer to the new school.

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Bylaw 11

Sec. 1) Sportsmanship Obligation

It is the clear obligation of principals, coaches, faculty members, boards of education, and all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships with fans, officials, players, coaches, official representatives of member schools, and the general public. The Commissioner and the Board of Control shall have the full authority to suspend the coach, student, or any member school whose representatives may be convicted on competent evidence of the violation of this obligation. Any violation of this rule in any interscholastic contest shall be immediately reported to the Commissioner's office by the principal(s) of the school(s) involved, and by the game officials who work in the contest. The schedule of contest(s) for a player or coach to be suspended shall be set by the schedule at the time of the ejection and contest(s) may not be added or deleted after the suspension to alter the contests during which the penalty is the served.

Sec. 2) Illegal Equipment

It shall also be considered a violation of this rule if any school or school representative(s) uses or allows the use of illegal equipment which gains a competitive advantage in the contest and which is expressly prohibited by the rules adopted for that sport. This shall also include the on-site recording of past or future opponents in any electronic form without the expressed consent of all involved teams. A violation of this provision may result in penalization by the Commissioner's office in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw and in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 33, Penalties.

Sec. 3) Requirement for Reinstatement

Any student, coach, or official team representative ejected from an interscholastic contest due to a violation of this obligation shall be reinstated by the Commissioner or one of the Assistant Commissioners prior to returning to interscholastic contests. Any student or coach using insulting language to another player or coach or to any official in any interscholastic contest, or who has been ruled out of a contest because of unsportsmanlike tactics, shall be disqualified from athletic competition until reinstated by the Commissioner or one of the Assistant Commissioners.

Sec. 4) Reporting Requirement and Permanent Suspension

The name of the student or coach shall be reported to the Commissioner's office by the principal of the school that student attends. When an official disqualifies a student or coach, he or she shall report the disqualification to the principal or his or her representative and to the KHSAA office. If the Commissioner finds upon investigation that the offense was sufficiently serious, the offender shall be permanently disqualified.

PROPOSAL BOC-5

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Bylaw 9

Sec. 1) Graduates and College Students

Any student who has graduated from a secondary school, or who has ever played on a college team, is thereafter ineligible to play on a high school team.

Sec. 2) Practice of Ineligible Students

Unless ineligible due to the provisions of Bylaw 11 (Sportsmanship, having been ejected from a contest), any student who is not eligible for competition during a team's next contest/meet/match/game shall not practice with the team.

Sec 3) Assumed Name

If a player enters a contest under an assumed name or when not properly certified, he or she shall be permanently ineligible, and his or her school shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 33.

Bylaw 14

Sec. 1) Verification of Eligibility

The principal or Designated Representative of the school shall be responsible for certifying the eligibility of all contestants. Before certifying the eligibility of a player, a principal or Designated Representative shall verify the player's age and all other requirements contained in these Bylaws. The statement of facts concerning a player on the eligibility list of his or her first year of competition shall be considered authoritative and may not be changed in later eligibility lists for that year or in later years except to carry out the purposes of the Bylaws in providing a cumulative record, or, when authorized by the Commissioner to correct an error. Prior to the certification of the eligibility of a student, the principal or Designated Representative shall have on file the physician's certificate, the parental consent, and the parental acknowledgment required by Bylaw 2.

Sec. 2) Duty of a New Principal or Designated Representative

A new principal or Designated Representative before certifying to the eligibility of his or her players, if there is reason to question any of the information, shall secure from the Commissioner's office, a copy of the original certification for that player.

Sec. 3) Annual Participation List

Each principal or Designated Representative of a member school shall submit to the Commissioner at the end of the school year (not later than May 30) a list of the names of all students who participated in any first team contest in any sport during the season. This participation list shall be submitted on a form supplied by the Association, and shall be completed in its entirety for each student.

Sec. 4) Certification of Ineligible Player

If any school plays an ineligible player when the facts were available and could have been known to a principal or Designated Representative, that school shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 33.

Sec. 1) Eligibility Lists

The principal or Designated Representative of the school shall certify the eligibility of all contestants. Not later than Wednesday of the week preceding the week of the contest, each principal or Designated Representative shall mail to the other, upon request, a statement to the effect that the persons named are eligible, under the rules of the Association, to represent the school on the date specified. This statement shall be made on the standard eligibility blank supplied by the Association (KHSAA Form GE15) if required by the game contract. Requests for the exchange of eligibility blanks may be indicated on the game contract form at the time it is signed.

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Before certifying the eligibility of a player, a principal or Designated Representative shall verify the player's age by referring to the vital statistics records of the state in which the player was born, or in the absence of a state record, the earliest available school enrollment or census record. This requirement shall apply both to original certifications, and to the certification of an athlete who has been received by transfer from another school.

Sec. 3) Permission to Change Certification

The statement of facts concerning a player on the eligibility list of his or her first year of competition shall be considered authoritative and may not be changed in later eligibility lists for that year or in later years except to carry out the purposes of the Bylaws in providing a cumulative record, or, when authorized by the Commissioner to correct an error. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as waiving the requirement in Section 2 of this bylaw.

Sec. 4) Acknowledgment of Receipt of Eligibility Rules

Prior to the certification of the eligibility of a student, the principal or Designated Representative shall have on file the physician's certificate, the parental consent, and the parental acknowledgment required by Bylaw 2.

Sec. 5) Unauthorized Change

If an unauthorized change in a certification results in the use of an ineligible player by the school that made the change, the school shall be suspended from the Association as provided for in Section 8 of Bylaw 1.

Sec. 6) Duty of a New Principal

A new principal or Designated Representative before certifying to the eligibility of his or her players, if there is reason to question any of the information, shall secure from the Commissioner's office, a copy of the original certification for that player. If failure to observe the requirements of Section 2 or Section 6 of this Bylaw results in the use of an ineligible player, the school involved shall be suspended from the Association as provided for in Section 8 of this Bylaw.

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Bylaw 18. Countersigning Contracts (to be eliminated)

~~The superintendent, principal or Designated Representative shall countersign all contracts to engage in interscholastic contests.~~

Bylaw 20 (formerly 21)

National Federation of State High School Association Rules shall govern all contests involving member schools in KHSAA sports if an official set of rules is issued for that sport. Unless modified through the Tournament Rules adopted by the Board of Control, contests in tennis shall be governed by the rules of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and contests in golf shall be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association. The Board of Control shall adopt competition rules for all sport-activities in which the KHSAA conducts a championship.

Bylaw 21 (formerly 22)

Sec. 1) Girls Basketball

~~The Board of Control shall sanction and sponsor a girls' basketball playoff to determine a state champion.~~

Sec. 2) Comparable NCAA Opportunities

If a member school sponsors or intends to sponsor an athletic activity that is similar to a sport for which NCAA members offer an athletic scholarship, the school shall sponsor the athletic activity or sport for which the scholarships are offered. The athletic activities that are similar to sports for which NCAA members offer scholarships are: Girls fast pitch softball as compared to slow pitch.

To qualify as having "sponsored" a sport, a school shall be able to demonstrate the following:

- a) If similar versions of a particular sport exist and there are differences in the scholarship opportunities at the NCAA level in that sport, a survey shall be taken of the student population at reasonable times and places to determine the level of interest in the sport(s).
- b) If that survey reveals sufficient interest to field the normal squad required for play in the particular sport and if any version of the sport is to be played, the school shall make facilities, staff and other allowances to properly field a team in the version of the sport for which the NCAA members offer scholarships.

Sec. 3) Type of Ball to be Used

~~The molded ball is the official basketball and shall be used in all regular season and tournament games.~~

Bylaw 22. Contests and Contracts

Section 1. With Non-Member Kentucky Schools

KHSAA member schools may only compete in contests against schools located in Kentucky that are current members of the KHSAA Any KHSAA member school, that engages in an athletic contest with a nonmember Kentucky school that is eligible for membership in the Association shall be subject to all penalties contained in Bylaw 33 .

Section 2. With Schools in Other States

All opponents of KHSAA schools in all contests in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball shall be current members of the state association in the home state of the opponent. All contests played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions shall come through the Commissioner. Any KHSAA member school engaging in a contest with a school from another state shall play under the rules of the KHSAA.

Section 3. Contracts

- a) Official contracts, supplied by the office of the Commissioner, shall be used for all contests between members of the Association, and the contract shall include statements to the effect that contracting parties are members of the Association.
- b) The Association shall not undertake to enforce oral contracts or oral agreements to changes in written contracts.
- c) The recipient of a contract for an athletic contest between two member schools of the KHSAA shall return the contract, either signed or unsigned, to the sender within thirty (30) days after having received it. The contract shall become void if not returned within this time period.
- d) All contracts between member schools shall contain a specific date for each contest covered in the contract. A contract in which the words "corresponding date" appears, rather than a specific date, shall not be enforced.
- e) The superintendent, principal or Designated Representative shall countersign all contracts to engage in interscholastic contests. Contracts signed by any other individual will not be enforced by the KHSAA.
- f) Provisions may be made for a forfeit fee to be paid by the school that fails to follow the terms of a contract. The Commissioner shall suspend from the Association a school that fails to pay during the same season a stipulated forfeit fee, and the suspension shall remain in effect until the Board of Control removes it.
- g) If a contract is canceled by reason of suspension of the school, the Board of Control shall determine the financial liability involving the suspended school.

Section 4. Waiving of Rules

School officials of member schools shall not by mutual agreement waive or modify any of the rules of the Association (including playing rules) for any contest sanctioned by the Association.

Bylaw 23. Sanctions

Sec. 1) Contests Within State

All contests within Kentucky played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions shall come through the Commissioner. The Commissioner or Board of Control shall not sanction (approve for play) any meet, tournament, game, or all-star contest unless a member school, conference, group of member schools, or coaches association is the sponsor. The legal sponsor shall have full control over planning, supervision, and disposition of finances. ~~A member school shall not take part in any tournament, game, or contest from which any outside organization derives a financial profit from ticket sales.~~

Sec. 2) Interstate Contests

Member schools of the KHSAA shall adhere to all restrictions contained in the National Federation of State High School Associations' sanctioning policy

when playing any contest or scrimmage against an out of state opponent in a KHSAA sponsored sport.

Bylaw 24. Forfeits

Sec. 1) Use of an Ineligible Player

If a student is declared ineligible, all contests in which he or she has played while ineligible shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

Sec. 2) Failure to Play a Scheduled Contest

If a school fails to carry out its contract to play a regularly scheduled contest, the contest shall be forfeited to the offended school.

Sec. 3) Failure to Follow Terms of Contract

Provisions may be made for a forfeit fee to be paid by the school that fails to follow the terms of a contract. The Commissioner shall suspend from the Association a school that fails to pay during the same season a stipulated forfeit fee, and the suspension shall remain in effect until the Board of Control removes it.

Sec. 4) Liability to Suspended School

If a contract is canceled by reason of suspension of the school, the Board of Control shall determine the financial liability involving the suspended school.

Bylaw 28. Distribution of Tournament Profits (to be eliminated)

In any regular season tournament, at least seventy five percent of the net profit shall be distributed among the participating schools. An expense allowance shall be given to each participating school for transportation, meals, and lodging.

Constitution, Article VIII

**ARTICLE VIII
CONTESTS**

SECTION 1. WITH NON-MEMBER KENTUCKY SCHOOLS

KHSAA member schools may only compete in contests against schools located in Kentucky that are current members of the KHSAA. Any KHSAA member school, that engages in an athletic contest with a nonmember Kentucky school that is eligible for membership in the Association, may be subject to all penalties contained in Bylaw 33.

SECTION 2. WITH SCHOOLS IN OTHER STATES

All opponents of KHSAA schools in all contests in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball shall be current members of the state association in the home state of the opponent. All contests played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions shall come through the Commissioner. Any KHSAA member school engaging in a contest with a school from another state shall play under the rules of the KHSAA.

SECTION 3. CONTRACTS

A) OFFICIAL CONTRACT FORMS

Official contracts, supplied by the office of the Commissioner, shall be used for all contests between members of the Association, and the contract shall include statements to the effect that contracting parties are members of the Association.

B) ORAL CONTRACTS

The Association shall not undertake to enforce oral contracts or oral agreements to changes in written contracts.

C) NOTIFICATION AND RETURN OF CONTACT

The recipient of a contract for an athletic contest between two member schools of the KHSAA shall return the contract, either signed or unsigned, to the sender within thirty (30) days after having received it. The contract shall become void if not returned within this time period.

D) CORRESPONDING DATES

All contracts between member schools shall contain a specific date for each contest covered in the contract. A contract in which the words "corresponding date" appears, rather than a specific date, shall not be enforced.

SECTION 4. WAIVING OF RULES

School officials of member schools shall not by mutual agreement waive or modify any of the rules of the Association for any contest sanctioned by the Association.

PROPOSAL BOC-7

Amend Bylaw 25 to state that high school coaches cannot hold competition events in the off-season, however, they can attend events that are held.

Rationale: This would place a restriction on the number of competitors that could be together and still have the coach able to attend. This would ensure that restrictions on coaches are placed in the Bylaws instead of the case situations, and ensure that the high school coach is able to continue to be in the leverage position when outside coaches attempt to unduly control the high school student team members.

Bylaw 25

Sec. 1) General Provisions Concerning All Sports and Sport Activities

- a) School Time shall not be lost for travel to or from, or participation in, any regular season interscholastic athletic contest.
- b) Schedule of Contests on Consecutive Days
Contests shall be scheduled so that there are not four consecutive days of competition on any Monday through Thursday period while school is in session.
- c) Specific Definitions for Ending of School
For all interpretations and regulations concerning the ending of the school year, including restrictions on coaching involvement, the end of the school year shall be defined as the earlier of the last day of school or May 31.
- d) Specific Penalties for Violations - Too Many Contests
Any school violating provisions of this Bylaw by playing too many contests shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 33 but shall remain eligible for tournament play during the current season.
- e) Specific Penalties for Violations- Too Many Scrimmages
Any school violating scrimmage limitations may be placed on probation, prohibited from participating in preseason scrimmages in that sport for two (2) seasons, and may be prohibited from taking part in KHSAA state championship competition or other penalties in accordance with Bylaw 33. The second violation shall result in automatic suspension.
- f) Organized Play and Involvement of Members of the Coaching Staff Out of Season
During the school year but outside the defined limitations for each sport or sport activity, coaches may not coach players in organized competition on the campus of a member school if such competition involves at least fifty (50) percent of the normal playing squad (e.g., 6 or more in football or soccer, 3 or more in basketball, 5 or more in baseball or softball). ~~Involvement of Members of the Coaching Staff Out of Season~~ Members of the high school coaching staff (paid or unpaid) shall not be prohibited from sport specific observation and evaluation (but not coaching) of any player who has played for a grade nine (9) through grade twelve (12) team (freshman, junior varsity, varsity) from the first day of school through the last day of school provided that play is under the direct control of the same local board of education as the coach is employed and provided that play is not in conflict with other KHSAA bylaws.

PROPOSAL BOC-8

Amend Bylaw 25 to add previously interpreted health and safety provisions to the Bylaw instead of the Case Situations for Football.

Rationale: Passage of this proposal would restore three days of shoulder pad and helmet work to preseason practice, as well as imposing the recommended breaks between multiple practice session days for football. This also clarifies the intent and spirit of the 10 practice requirement by hard coding it into the rules.

Bylaw 25

Sec. 5) Sports Specific Limitations- Football- Boys

- a) Organized practice in helmets-only shall not begin prior to July 15. Organized practice in pads (contact practice) shall not begin prior to the earlier of August 1 or seven (7) week days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the opening day of school (which shall be defined as the day prior to the classes starting for the student body), but shall not begin prior to the last Monday in July. On the final three days of practice prior to the first practices in full pads, the shoulder pads shall be worn. The remainder of the pads may be worn on the first official day of practice in pads. After contact practice (practice in pads) has begun and prior to the first day of classes for the students, school shall not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on consecutive days (e.g., two-one two-one format). On days when multiple practices in pads are held, there shall be a minimum of a three-hour period following the first practice when no other pads are worn including the helmet. After the opening day of the school year, a school shall not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on a day in which school is in session. All schools shall submit all required documentation to verify the proper execution of the practice regulations, including scrimmage, contact, and Heat/Humidity Measurement and Compliance Programs.
- b) After contact practice (practice in pads) has begun, there shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games per member school (grades 9-12) after contact practice has begun and prior to the opening varsity game of the season with players other than members of the squad.
- c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Friday of NFHS corresponding week 8 (Week 1).
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of ten (10) regular season games and the opportunity to play regular season games shall conclude at the end NFHS corresponding week 17. Any school may play one of the allowable regular season games during Week 0 (NFHS corresponding week 7) provided that the total schedule does not exceed ten (10) regular season games and that the allowable number of scrimmages in subsection (b) is reduced to one. Any KHSAA school that chooses to compete for a district title and is placed in a classification where only four (4) weeks are needed to complete the playoffs may play an additional regular season contest (total of 11 contests), the last of which can be played during the first round of the playoffs for the other classifications:
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- f) Each player, in order to be eligible to participate against another school, shall have taken part in a minimum of ten (10) practice periods extending over a period of ten (10) days. At minimum, the first five (5) days of practice shall be without pads (helmet only, non-contact) to become acclimatized to heat conditions followed by three days of wearing only the helmet and shoulder pads (no full contact, no player taken to the ground). Once these days are complete, each player must have at least two (2) days in full gear prior to competing against another school in a scrimmage or contest.
- ~~f) Each player, in order to be eligible to participate against another school, shall have taken part in a minimum of ten (10) practice periods extending over a period of ten (10) days during the preceding three weeks.~~
- ~~g) Every player shall have five (5) days of practice without pads (helmet only, non-contact) to become acclimatized to heat conditions immediately prior to the first of the five (5) required days of practice in pads (contact).~~
- gh) Each football school may conduct ten (10) practice periods of not more than two (2) hours in length and not more than one practice per day over ten (10) days during three consecutive calendar weeks, which shall be chosen by the school on or before December 15. The three consecutive calendar weeks shall not begin prior to the Monday following the school's elimination from postseason play in basketball, and shall not conclude later than the last day of school. Any period of time when school is not in session on a week day, including testing and breaks, shall not count as one of the ten (10) permitted days, and practice shall not be conducted on those days. All equipment authorized by the football playing rules may be used during this period. There shall be no inter-school competition during this period, and all participants shall be eligible according to all KHSAA eligibility rules.
In order to conduct the spring practice sessions:
 - 1) A student below grade nine or in grade 12 shall not participate;
 - 2) Dates shall be reported to the KHSAA on supplied forms;
 - 3) Only students currently eligible by all KHSAA rules including Bylaws 2 through 12 may participate;
 - 4) Intrasquad games may be held but shall be counted as one of the ten practice sessions; and
 - 5) There shall be no school or coach imposed penalty for any player who chooses not to participate.
 - 6) There shall be no mandatory participation by any person on a spring sports eligibility list (or entering any spring sport scrimmage or contest) and no mandatory participation by any other person not appearing on a spring sports roster.
- hi) The Board of Control may waive provision(s) (b) or (d) of this Bylaw to allow member schools to participate in Hall of Fame and Museum contests. Rules on participation in the Classic shall be made by the Board of Control and published in the Athlete Magazine as a part of the official record of the Association.

PROPOSAL BOC-9

Amend Bylaw 25 to specify a defined period season for all of the adopted Sport Activities

Rationale: This proposal would add the implementation wording for the sport activities of Archery and Bass Fishing to Bylaw 25 in order to ensure insurance coverage by providing a start and ending date. In addition, revisions are necessary to the Cheer and Bowling provisions following the review by the Board of Control.

Bylaw 25

Sec. 14) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities - Archery

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- b) The regular season shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) dates of competition.
- c) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 15) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities Bass Fishing

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- d) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 16) Specific Limitations- Other Sport Activities- Competitive Cheerleading (Interscholastic Spirit)

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) Cheerleaders shall be limited to a maximum of three competitions during the school year, not including in-game competitions, that each are sponsored by an organization that adheres to and enforces the Stunt Limitations of the National Federation Spirit Guide. This shall not include in-game competitions. Sanctioned competitions sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (KAPOS) shall not count toward the three-competition limit. Any preliminary competitions that progress to a district, region, state or national level shall be considered as one competition.
- c) The opportunity to cheer or enter cheerleading contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on April 1. After April 1, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period to assist with determining the squad for the following year. Other than the designated tryout period, there shall be no further official practice or competition from April 1 until the end of the academic school year.

Sec. 17) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities Bowling

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- b) The regular season shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) dates of competition.
- c) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 14) Specific Limitations- Other Sport Activities- Cheerleading (Spirit)

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) Cheerleaders shall be limited to a maximum of three competitions during the school year, not including in-game competitions, that each are sponsored by an organization that adheres to and enforces the Stunt Limitations of the National Federation Spirit Guide. This shall not include in-game competitions. The KAPOS Sweet Sixteen® and KAPOS At Large Competitions shall not count toward the three-competition limit. Any preliminary competitions that progress to a district, region, state or national level shall be considered as one competition.
- c) The opportunity to cheer or enter cheerleading contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on or before April 1. After April 1, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition until the end of the academic school year.

Sec. 15) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities Bowling

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- b) There shall be no more than two scrimmage or practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first competition of the season shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 23.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty-two dates of competition including invitational meets to be held prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (region).
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

PROPOSAL BOC-10

Amend Bylaws 29, 30 and 31 to consolidate and clarify. Other Bylaws may need to be renumbered due to the passage of this proposal.

Rationale: Provisions related to Officials were scattered throughout three different Bylaws, and the provisions on scratches were only printed in the Officials Guidebook. This ensures that all are aware of the provisions and requirements.

Bylaw 29

Sec. 1) Officials Who License:

Any person who officiates in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball (slow and fast pitch), swimming, volleyball and wrestling in grades 9 through 12 between member schools of the Association shall be licensed by the Commissioner and shall carry an official card indicating that licensing. All officials in baseball, basketball, football and softball shall be required to join a local officials association as described in the KHSAA Officials' Guidebook.

Sec. 2) Requirement to Use Licensed Officials

Only officials licensed with the Officials Division of the Association shall be assigned or employed to officiate in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball or wrestling in all competition involving grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The Commissioner may approve exceptions to this policy in writing.

Sec. 3) Official Scratches

A member school shall have the privilege of scratching / red-lining a limited number of officials (scratches) that it does not desire to have as contractors on the athletic contests of that school. The amount of scratches per school/coach is determined by the Regional Policy Board and in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of Control. Scratches properly submitted in a timely fashion shall be honored by the Assigning Secretary and the officials shall not be assigned to a home, away or neutral site contest in the sport during that season.

Sec. 4) Rules Clinics

Each official licensed with the KHSAA shall annually attend at least one rules interpretation clinic (in person or online) conducted by representatives of the KHSAA in the sport in which he or she is licensed.

Sec. 5) Cancellation of Officiating License

The KHSAA may cancel or refuse the license renewal of any official in any sport for cause as detailed in the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

Sec. 6) Acceptance of Officiating Assignments

An official shall accept assignments in the amount of time and in the manner prescribed by the local official's association to which he or she belongs. The penalty for an official's failure to work an assigned game, unless providentially prevented from doing so, may be cause for up to a one-year suspension in that sport.

Sec. 7) Violation of Assigning Contracts

The Board of Control shall protect both the officials and the schools against violations pertaining to assignments.

Sec. 8) Local Policy Boards/Committees

The Commissioner may establish as many bureaus as deemed necessary in each sport in order to assign officials to games in accordance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 and policies adopted by the Board of Control.

Sec. 7) Governance

The Officials Guidebook, published annually by the Association, shall govern all officials licensed with the KHSAA.

Sec. 8) Coaches Not to Officiate

Coaches or persons connected with the competing schools shall not officiate at contests, unless the written consent of all competing schools is given.

Bylaw 30

~~Coaches or persons connected with the competing schools shall not officiate at contests, unless the written consent of all competing schools is given.~~

Bylaw 31

~~Only officials licensed with the Officials Division of the Association shall be assigned or employed to officiate in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball or wrestling in all competition involving grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The Commissioner may approve exceptions to this policy in writing.~~